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Attention: [REDACTED]

Subject: Transmittal of Addendum to Informal Memorandum on Task A(1)f,
"Establishment of Target Prediction Procedures" - Under
Task Order No. 17, [REDACTED]

Reference: a) TCS-3882/67
b) TCS-4325/67

Gentlemen:

1. Attached are twenty (20) copies of an Addendum to Reference (a) which incorporates all the suggestions of Reference (b) with the exception of paragraph 2.b.(2). With regard to this paragraph we feel that the following comments are applicable:

There are two extremes in the prediction of targets which might be considered in terms of when, and by whom, prediction is done. At the one end, it is presumably possible to levy a requirement on the group now producing the [REDACTED] listings of COMOR targets that they include in these lists the NPIC, R&D, domestic and SI targets as well. At the other extreme would be the levying on NPIC of the requirements to do all target prediction. Whether one of these extremes, or some compromise between them is established is a policy matter beyond our control. We have, however, suggested a middle-ground which uses to the maximum extent practical the data currently being generated by sources outside NPIC. Two examples may be cited to illustrate our interpretation of "practical".

a. We have recommended that, in the IIS, NPIC predict all targets, COMOR as well as NPIC, R&D, domestic and SI, in spite of the fact that the COMOR predictions are already available in the [REDACTED]. We recommend this apparent duplication of effort on the basis that it is less time consuming to find all targets covered from a list ordered by geographic coordinates and then sort these according to the required team prediction lists than to "pass over" certain targets because they had already been predicted and then combine the NPIC prediction list with the [REDACTED] list prior to ordering the team prediction lists.

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b. On the other hand, we have recommended that area coverage corner coordinates, where they have previously been calculated and are available, should be used as received in the NPIC Target Prediction System. Although a scheme for calculating these points must be available for missions where the information is not provided it seems unnecessary to duplicate the calculation where it is.

Arguments for and against both of these recommendations can be raised but in the final analysis they are really details in the total system which must have the flexibility to adapt to whatever decisions are made as a matter of policy.

2. We also take issue with the last sentence of paragraph 2.a.(3) of Reference (b). We have discussed this matter with [redacted] and believe we agree that the essential requirement is that all necessary support material be supplied to the PI before he begins his readout rather than before the film arrives at NPIC.

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We trust that this addendum will satisfy all requirements of Task A(1)f under this Task Order.

Very truly yours,

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Attachments

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